# Newtown School
# Waterford





# Welcome

We are a co-educational, multi-denominational, boarding and day school of approximately 400 students. Staff and students create a community living and working together, in friendship and with mutual respect. Our Quaker ethos underpins all that we do as we seek out the immense possibilities of each individual, by providing a broad range of activities and experiences which make each school day active, purposeful and fun.

We strive to help our students to discover their own voice and go out into the world to "walk cheerfully", with a desire to make a positive influence in their lives and on the communities in which they live.

You are welcome to explore more about the school. Please also visit our website and social media pages to learn more about the possibilities we offer. Better still, come for a visit to get a real sense of the school in action.

We look forward to being a part of your family's educational and life journey. Thank you for taking the time to learn more about what we do.

In Friendship,

***Keith Lemon***

***Principal***

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# School Ethos



Newtown School Quaker's ethos is about a way of life rather than a strict set of beliefs. We have always welcomed people of all faiths and none, and we embrace the rich diversity that each individual brings to the community.

Ours is a community of tolerance and understanding. We strive for a balance between discipline and self-discipline; freedom and exploration. The broad, multi-cultural and inclusive character of the school gives each student the opportunity to participate and develop as a unique individual: to let their lives speak.

People of all religious beliefs and none find peace and comfort during the silence of a Quaker Meeting. Our daily meeting, Collect, represents a school assembly, a deepening of the community and an opportunity for all to reflect mindfully.









# Boarding



Newtown School Waterford is a co-educational boarding and day school. Boarders come from all around Ireland, and a wide range of other countries. Our focus on community means we commit to ensuring every boarder enjoys a happy and fulfilling experience, with the opportunity to thrive as individuals and develop enduring friendships in an atmosphere of warmth, respect and safety.

Boarding is offered on a seven-day basis with students going home or to a guardian every third weekend, or Mon-Fri basis. There are separate residences for boys and girls, comprising dorms and common rooms. Accommodation is in dormitories ranging from two to six occupants. Residential and nursing staff oversee and guide students' daily lives, while catering staff offer freshly prepared meals each day.

Academic studies are enhanced by supervised evening study every weekday whilst relaxation comes with the wide range of extracurricular activities.

A wide range of weekend activities play a prominent role in the life for boarders.









# Sports



Sport is central to life at Newtown. Everyone is encouraged to participate in our extensive programme of activities, whether their aim is to develop new skills, take part at a competitive level, or simply stay fit and be healthy. Newtown's sports facilities include an indoor heated pool; floodlit AstroTurf hockey pitch; two rugby pitches; sports hall; tennis courts; fitness suite; ball alley; and cross-country course.

Students can experience swimming and lifesaving; athletics; hockey; rugby; badminton; tennis; orienteering; surfing; basketball; volleyball; and equestrian. Our clan competitions inspire students of all levels of athletic ability to get involved, have fun and win points for their clan.









# Music, Arts & Clubs



*Music & Performance* - Mountmellick House is our dedicated music centre. You can immerse yourself in music through the academic curriculum, join the school orchestra or choirs, and perform in our concerts and musical productions. We offer individual tuition for a wide range of instruments, with eight private practice rooms for independent study. All 1st year students will experience choir and the joy of singing as part of the curriculum.

*Visual Arts* - Newtown has a rich history of encouraging the visual arts. All students will study Art in Junior Cycle. Students explore diverse creative mediums, including sketching, painting, sculpture, photography and fine art.

*Clubs* - In meeting student interests the school offers a range of clubs driven by student engagement. Chess, Debating, Film making, Dungeons and Dragons, and Art clubs meet mainly at lunchtime, allowing students to pursue other activities after school.









# Day Boarding



Every student at Newtown is encouraged to try new things, discover untapped talents, and push past their limits.

By joining our dynamic day boarding programme, pupils who live at home can experience the full vibrance of campus life. Your child can dive into exciting after-school activities, share the evening meal with friends, and complete their assignments alongside boarders during structured, supervised evening study ('prep').

Occasional boarding is also available if space permits, allowing day students the opportunity to immerse themselves in the boarding experience for short periods.

We offer flexible, tailored packages for day boarders to match every student's passion.










# Liberal Education

At Newtown, education focuses on developing the whole person—academically, emotionally, and physically.

We maintain a strong track record of academic excellence. Our graduates consistently advance to prestigious third-level institutions across Ireland, the United Kingdom, Europe and beyond.  Others successfully launch professional careers or embark on purposeful gap years.

We also prioritise non-measurable, life-changing experiences. We aim to help students discover their true selves, build resilience, nurture unique talents, and cultivate a lifelong love of learning.

Newtown is a vibrant, inclusive community where individuals study, work, and live together in an atmosphere built on tolerance and mutual respect. We ensure every student graduates with a clear sense of purpose, a desire to contribute meaningfully to society, and the confidence to embrace life's diverse opportunities and challenges.






# Newtown school's third level footprint in last 10 years

Dublin
Cork
Limerick
Galway
Waterford
Sligo
Maynooth
Belfast
Derry
Coleraine





London
Aberdeen
Tilburg
Edinburgh
Oxford
Cambridge
Turin
Milan
Marbella
Groningen
Budapest
Vienna
Paris
Amsterdam
Rotterdam
Leiden
Madrid
Tokyo
Seoul

# Quaker Heritage

Newtown School, Waterford has placed its Quaker heritage at the heart of its educational approach for more than two centuries. While the school has flourished and evolved over time, its core foundation remains unchanged. Guided by Christian beliefs, the practices of Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Stewardship (SPICES) underpin the school's ethos and community.

Quakerism is a practical faith, emphasising how people live their lives and treat one another. By recognising "that of God" in everyone, the school honours the unique value of every individual to guide them in education for life. This rich heritage cultivates a deep sense of caring and personal responsibility for others—uniting students, teachers, staff, the local community, and the wider world.











*1798*

Opening of school

*1865*

Development of the school front

*1890*

Installation of the first swimming pool

*1898*

Lecture Room opened after Centenary conversion

*1906*

Renewed emphasis on practical skills

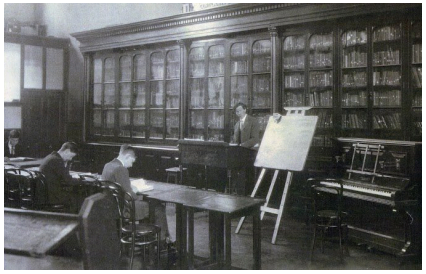
# Newtown School History

Newtown School was founded in 1798 on the verdant parklands of the former Waterford home of Sir Thomas Wyse, a distinguished politician and educational pioneer. The estate's main house served as the boarding residence, while early classes were conducted in beautifully converted stables.

Built upon the pillars of self-discipline, simplicity, and healthy living, the school encouraged its students to become "useful citizens". The early curriculum was uniquely holistic, encompassing the art and craft of gardening, farming, woodwork, art, science, natural history, bee-keeping, and sewing.

As the school community thrived and enrolment grew, the campus expanded to meet the needs of its students. Notable historical additions included an infirmary, a lecture room, a swimming pool, and a gymnasium. In 1895, Newtown School opened the very first school science laboratory in Ireland.

Development accelerated throughout the 20th and 21st centuries, transforming the campus into a modern educational hub. Key milestones included, the Arnold Marsh boys' dormitory, modern language rooms, an AstroTurf hockey pitch, two rugby fields and modular building.











*1944*

View from the newly built Jacob classrooms

*1975*

Opening of the outdoor swimming pool

*1997*

Installation of the first Astroturf pitch

*2014*

Entry into the free education scheme

*2025*

Opening of new classrooms and Special Education classes

# Building for the Future



Newtown School Waterford is embarking on one of the most exciting phases in its celebrated history. In partnership with the Department of Education and Youth, the school will undergo a substantial redevelopment over the next four years.

This major investment programme will feature:

- *Modernised Learning Spaces:* Virtually all classrooms will be rebuilt and updated to the highest modern standards.
- *Dedicated Support:* A brand-new Special Education centre will be introduced, complete with its own private garden.
- *Upgraded Amenities:* Existing social spaces, kitchen facilities, and dining areas will be completely redeveloped.
- *State-of-the-Art Sports:* Construction of a brand-new Sports Hall to host daily student assemblies and indoor sports like badminton and basketball.

Outdoor sports facilities will also expand significantly. New courts for tennis, football, and hockey practice will be built alongside Newtown's two rugby pitches and a new, high-performance AstroTurf hockey pitch.

Finally, Wyse House—the original home of Newtown School since 1798 will undergo a meticulous renovation. This will preserve its historic legacy while ensuring it remains at the heart of campus life for generations to come.

# Building for the Future

Our vision seamlessly blends historic architecture with state-of-the-art modern design, creating an inspiring fusion of old and new. Every element of the new development is carefully positioned to respect and preserve Newtown's stunning parkland, maintaining a vibrant green oasis in the heart of Waterford city.

This ambitious investment ensures Newtown School Waterford can comfortably accommodate up to 600 students. By continually modernising our campus, we protect and enhance our reputation as one of Ireland’s most admired and sought-after schools for generations to come.



# Testimonials

*"I really like it, but it definitely takes some getting used to. I'm the youngest of three, and both [my] brothers came here. I was really lonely at the start, but I've come out of my shell. Being a boarder definitely makes you a lot more independent."*

*- Naja Duggan, fifth-year*

*"This school offered me different things than where I live. Originally, I didn't want to go to boarding school, but I settled in really quickly. Some days, when I'm tired, I'd like to go home, but I can't. Yet, I'm excited when I go home at designated weekends. I like the [sense of] independence. You can do well if you choose to. There is no push."*

*- Claudia Fitzpatrick, fifth-year*

*Academically you can go to any school and move on, but here it prepares you in a different way. It's more personal... This place has become my second home and all the boarding girls and boys have become like my second family."*

*- Izzy Auld, sixth-year*

*"There's a lot of freedom but with that comes a lot of responsibility."*

*- Rhys Jones, sixth-year*

*"Being a Quaker school, they give us time in the morning during Collect to think for ourselves, to answer questions and give us ideas to think about."*

*- Roberto Fiorentini, sixth-year*

*"When people say school is the best days of your life, it feels a little more like that when you're here."*

*- Pippi Griffin, fifth-year*

*"I'm the eldest of three children, and my parents thought I'd have better opportunities in a smaller school. I've become the person I am because I came to Newtown School."*

*- Hebe Lin, sixth-year*



Senior Boys Indoor Hockey Team



Boarders' Weekend Activities



Navan Choral Festival



Collection for Waterford Food Bank



Christmas Lunch




Art exhibition at School



Lunchtime Recital



Erasmus+ Mobilities



Junior Girls Hockey Team



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